HEALTH REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1918.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Castle Donington Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my fifth Annual Report on the Health of the District.

The general health during the year was not so good as in 1917. Fewer cases of Measles and German Measles were reported but there was a dicided increase in the number of cases of both Diphtheria and Tuberculosis.

THE MORTALITY- (owing chiefly to the prevalence of Influenza with the Chest Complications) was considerably higher.

Ten deaths occurred in Infants during their first year.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The estimated Civil population in 1918 was 6322.

BIRTHS. One hundred and eight births were registered during the year as compared with One hundred and four in 1917- Giving a birth rate for the year of 17.06 per thousand of the population- Of the children born during the year 64 were males and 44 were females.

The Natural increase of Deaths over Births was 1.

DEATHS. The number of deaths registered as occurring in the District was 109- This gives a nett annual death rate in Civilians only, of 17.24 per thousand of the population.

INFANT MORTALITY- 10 Infants died during their first year. During 1917 the number was 9.

This gives a percentage of 10.9 of the number of deaths registered.

The Infant deaths were distributed as follows:-

Breedon 2. Kegworth 1. Castle Donington 5. Hemington 2.

Zymotic Deaths- Tuberculosis- Castle Donington 4. Kegworth 3.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The total number of cases notified was 97 consisting of

Measles and German Measles	72	rate per thousand	11.68
Scarlet Fever - -	2	" "	.32

Diphtheria	-	-	11 rate per thousand		1.78 ~~11.68~~
Typhoid Fever	-	-	1.	"	" ,16
Tuberculosis	-	-	11.	"	" 1.78

Of the cases of Tuberculosis 4 were in Kegworth 3 in Castle Donington 2 in Breedon 1 in Lockington 1 in Diseworth.

Seven deaths were certified as due to this disease.

Castle Donington	m 33	years	Blacksmith's Assistant.
	f.23	years	Hosiery Hand.
	m 85	"	Green-Grocer.
	m 54	"	Lodging House Keeper.
Kegworth	m 36	"	Gypsum Miner.
	m 48	"	Twist Hand.
	m 3	"	- - -

INFLUENZA Isolated cases of this disease occurred during the year- There was also a mild epidemic of the disease in July and a severe one in October and November - One death occurred in each of the first three quarters of the year and thirty seven in the last quarter. Personal observation leads me to think that the fatality was largely contributed to by unhealthy housing.

All the Schools of the District were closed at various periods during the year in consequence of Influenza.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

T. J. Fletcher.

May 8th 1919.